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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Director for Patents  
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Petition is hereby made Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 3, 2001 to and through December 3, 2001 comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of three (3) months.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge payment of the required processing fee in the amount of \$920.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-3790 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

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The Director for Patents is hereby authorized to charge payment to Deposit Account No. 19-3790 of any fees associated with this communication.

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